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*An ACT to explain and amend an Act, entitled, "An Act for Registering and Clearing Vessels, Regulating the Coasting Trade, and for other Purposes."*

*BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled* , That when any goods, wares or merchandize of foreign growth or manufacture, shall be unladen from any ship or vessel, in virtue of a permit obtained for that purpose, and shall be put into a craft or vessel with intent to be transported to a landing within the same district, it shall be the duty of the inspector or other officer attending the unlading of such goods, wares and merchandize, to deliver to the master or commander of every such craft or vessel, a certificate of such goods, wares, and merchandize, having been duly entered, and a permit granted therefor; and such certificate shall contain a description of all the packages, with their marks and numbers, and shall authorize the transportation and landing of the same, at any landing within the same district, without any further fee or permit, any thing in the said recited act to the contrary notwithstanding.

*And be it further enacted* , That so much of the twenty-second section of the said recited act, as exempts vessels of less than twenty, and not less than five tons burthen, employed between any of the districts of the United States, in any bay or river, and having a licence from the collector of the district to which such vessel belongs, from entering and clearing for the term of one year, be extended to vessels not exceeding fifty tons: *Provided* , such vessels shall not have on board goods, wares, or merchandize, other than such as are actually the growth or produce of the United States.

*And be it further enacted* , That so much of an act, entitled, "An act to regulate the collection of the duties imposed by law on the tonnage of ships or vessels, and on goods, wares, and merchandizes, imported into the United States," as hath rated the ruble of Russia at one hundred cents, be, and the same is hereby repealed, and made null and void.



FREDERICK AUGUSTUS MUHLENBERG, *Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

JOHN ADAMS, *Vice-President of the United States, and President of the Senate.*

Approved, September the 29th, 1789.

GEORGE WASHINGTON, *President of the United States.*

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